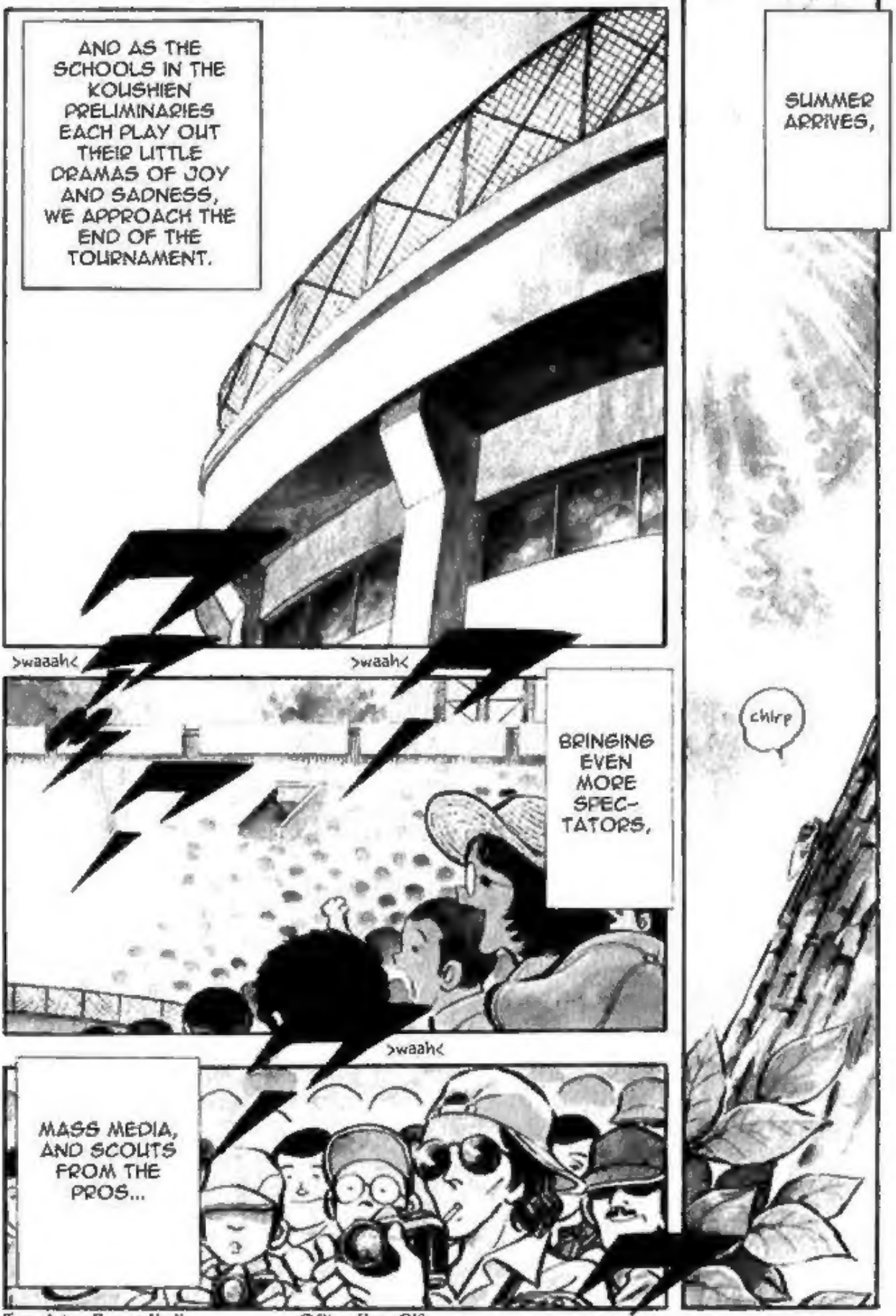
CHAPTER 11:
FATED RIVAL



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AND WHO IS THE VILLAIN CAUSING ALL THIS FUSS?
Bunan 2 1 0 0 2 0
Akinaru 0 0 0 0 0
swaish
CATCH
STRIKE! YOU'RE OUT!
LAST YEAR'S KOUSHIEN CHAMPION PITCHER AND BUNAN HIGH SENIOR KENTAROU YAMANAKA, THAT DAMN BASTARD.

I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED...
WELL, STRONG OPPONENTS ARE THE ONE THING WE'VE NEVER HAD TROUBLE FINDING...
HE'S GOT PERFECT SPEED AND CONTROL TODAY.
NOT GONNA HAP-PEN...
LOSE, BUNAN!
LOSE! LOSE!
GO AWAY!
WAAH
BUT.
YEAH.
OUR KURAHASHI-KUN IS PRETTY FAST, TOO.
ACTUALLY, WE'RE ALREADY THROUGH TO THE SEMI-FINALS.
CATCH
SWOOSH
THEY'RE NOT EVEN GONNA SCORE...
THERE, WE'LL FACE THE WINNER OF THIS GAME.

(You're great)
(Yamanaka-saaan)
(woo)
(woo)
BU NA

WOMEN ARE LIKE THAT...
THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES TREAT HIM LIKE A STAR.
YOUR BROTHER SURE IS POPULAR.
DAMMIT

AND HE'S YURI'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND, TOO.
HUH?
HUH?
WOMEN ARE WEAK TO STARS...

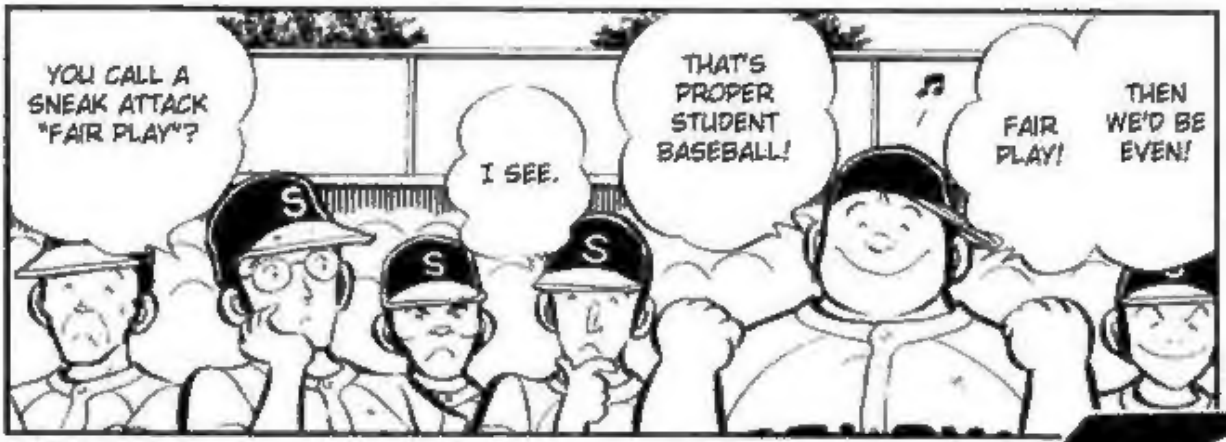
DAMMIT ...
WAAAH
WAAAH
WAAAH

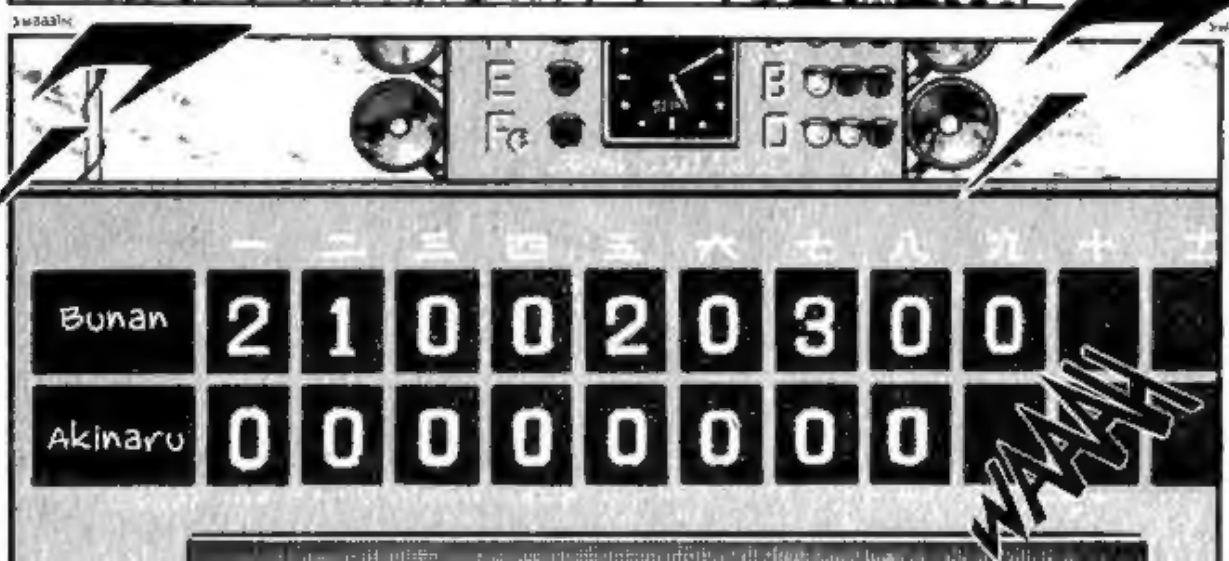
I JUST CAN'T STAND HIM.
WAAH
THANK YOU,
THANK YOU.
HEH!
WAAAH
(Yamanaka-saan)
キャー!
山中さーん!
>clack<
>clack<
>waah<
THEY'RE BULLYING THE WEAK!
THEY SURE ARE GETTING A LOT OF HITS.
WAAAH

WE ALWAYS KNEW THAT AS LONG AS WE KEPT WINNING, WE'D HAVE TO FACE THEM EVENTUALLY.
DAMMIT.
LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO FACE BUNAN.

WAAAH

HUH?
WAAAH
WHY DON'T YOU MESS UP YOUR BROTHER'S RIGHT ARM WHILE HE'S ASLEEP?
OH YEAH, JIROU.


YOU CALL A SNEAK ATTACK "FAIR PLAY"?
I SEE.
THAT'S PROPER STUDENT BASEBALL!
FAIR PLAY!
THEN WE'D BE EVEN!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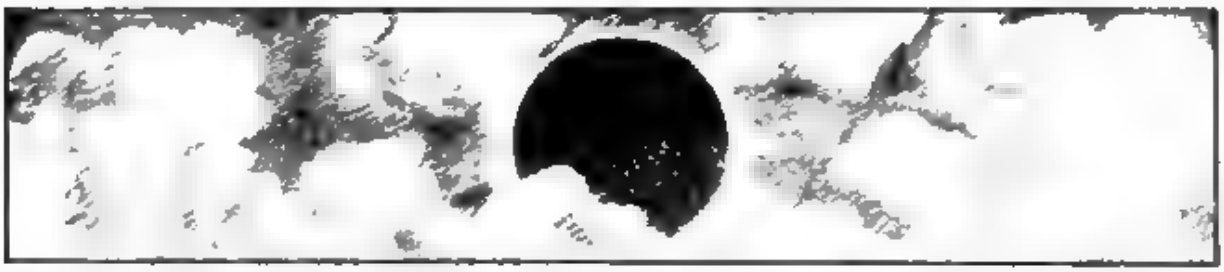
Bunan 2 1 0 0 2 0 3 0 0
Akinaru 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
WAAAH

(Oooh)
STRIKE! YOU'RE OUT!
TWO MORE VICTORIES AND WE'D HAVE BEEN IN KOUSHIEN.
ARRGH.
THAT SETTLES IT.
WAAAH
OUR FATED RIVAL...
I DEFI-NITELY NEVER ASKED FOR ONE!

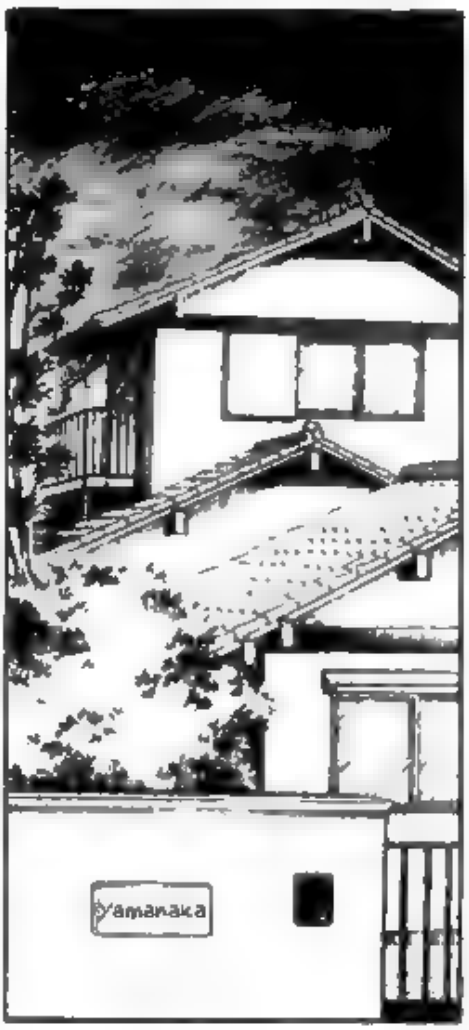
OH, CHIMI? I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HERE.
BRO!
I'VE BEEN OVER AT BUNAN'S SEATS CHEERING FOR KENTAROU.
GOOO
YOU WERE STILL A BABY WHEN WE WERE NEIGHBORS.
I GUESS YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME.
MY, YOU'VE GROWN...
YEAH.
YOUR SISTER?
KENTAROU HAS YOUR PICTURE IN HIS ROOM.
OH, I KNOW YOU, YURI-SAN.
CHIMI-CHAN?

BAS-TARD!
HUH?
EH?
HE KISSES IT EVERY MORNING.
"GOOD MORNING, YURI."
WHAT?
ALL FAIR.
BOTH WAYS,
BOTH SIDES,
BUNAN OR SEISHUU?
UH, CHIMI-CHAN, WHO WILL YOU CHEER FOR TOMORROW?
BOTH SIDES,
BOTH WAYS,
ALL FAIR!
I'LL GO AHEAD AND TELL MOM TO MAKE SOMETHING GOOD THEN.
WE HAVE A MEETING ABOUT TOMORROW'S GAME.
YOU'RE NOT COMING HOME YET?
BYE BYE!

HMPH!
DON'T LET YOUR COMPLEXES BEAT YOU, JIROU!
A SIBLING SHOW-DOWN, HUH?



I'M HOME.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IS JIROU IN?
HE'S IN HIS ROOM.

WELCOME BACK!

t He's wearing a Tweety t-shirt ^^

OH YEAH? WE WON'T KNOW WHO WINS UNTIL WE PLAY!
SOUNDS PROMISING.
LIKE I'D WANT YOU TO!
I WON'T HOLD BACK!
THAT'S GOOD!
SHAD-DUP!
LET'S PLAY A GAME WE DON'T REGRET.
WELL, WHETHER BUNAN WINS OR SEISHUU LOSES,
THIS IS THE GIRL FROM THE TRACK CLUB?
OHO!
HUH?
RUSTLE
HERE!
HERE!
GIVE THAT BACK!

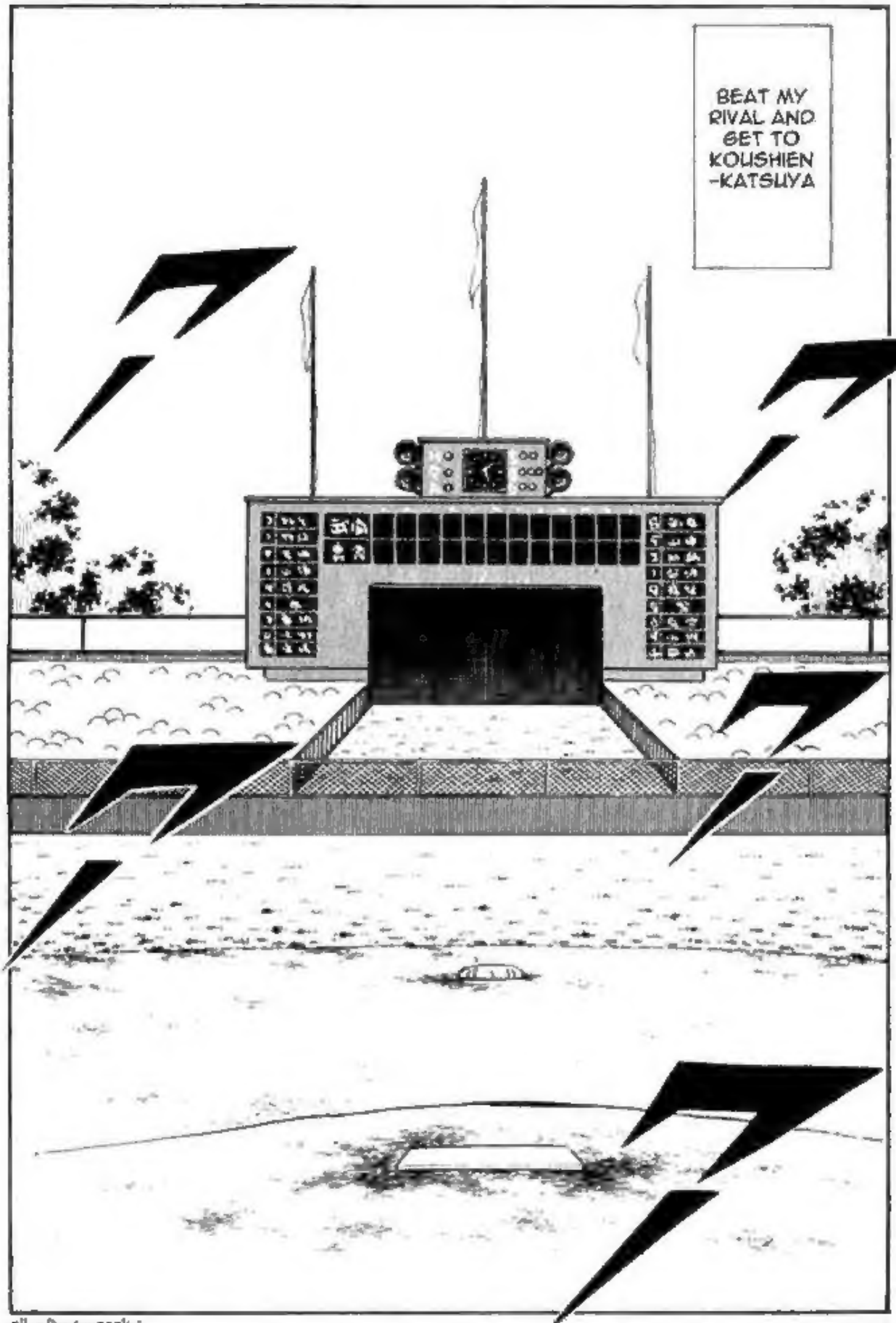
SO HE'S A RIVAL FOR BOTH OF US?
I SEE.

I KNOW THAT!
BAH!
ISN'T SHE IN LOVE WITH KATSUYA NIIMI?
SNATCH

I'LL LET YOU GET A HIT FOR A THOUSAND YEN.
YOU WANNA LOOK GOOD, DON'T YOU?
SHE'S GONNA COME CHEER TOMORROW, RIGHT?

HOW ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED, THEN?
>slam<
NOW YOU'RE MAKING ME MAD!
OWW!
OOP-SIE!

...!
DID YOU...
JUST NOW,
WHAT?
BRO!
YOU THINK I GOT MY FINGER CAUGHT?
HMPH...
HMPH
SORRY.
I'M NOT SO CLUMSY THAT I'D HURT MYSELF RIGHT BEFORE AN ALL-IMPORTANT GAME.



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